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Union Village August 16. 1873.

The Institute met at the usual time & place & at precisely 7½ Oclock was calld to order by the chair. The Roll being calld it appeard that Maria Mueller, Ella Todd, Bell Betker & Maggie Seitzer were absent. The assignment of Exercises was next in Order but was laid over, on motion, in order to have time to adopt something better if possible than the present alternating systems, this being liable to serious objections, which we hope to remedy. On motion it was unanimously Resolvd, That hereafter we get a rule without fail & repeat the same previous to the other exercises each time we assemble at the regular Institute meetings. On motion it was further Resolvd, that each member shall alternate the Exercises of Reading original compositions, or declaiming, for him & herself hereafter, or until this regulation shall be repealed. Carried. Furthermore it was

Carried.

Carried.

Resolv'd That the spelling school be & the same is hereby entirely separated from the Institute and estabish'd on an independent Basis – Every one free to attend.

The usual exercises in reading Original Compositions – Selected poems & pieces in prose declaiming &c were productive of the usual pleasure, & in the private criticisms of the Secretary, but 4 voices were pronounc'd too low, The names of the possessors of these voices the Secretary begs leave to suppress. –

O. C. Hampton.
Secretary.

Note. Some rather spicy debating on points of parliamentary usage during this meeting, forcibly impress'd some of the members with the necessity of paying more attention to the principles, rules & precepts, contained in our "Normal Debator" upon that subject & we beg leave to hereby admonish & exhort all to give a little more attention to this Book.

Union Village Sept. 8. 1873.

The Institute met pursuant to adjournment & the President & Vicepresidents being absent Joseph H. See was nominated President pro tem & Joseph Long was appointed Secretary. It appear'd also that O. C. Hampton, Thomas J. Embree Ella Todd, & Dora E. McDow were absent. The minutes of the previous meeting not being on hand, could not be read or acted upon. The several exercises were then read & there appearing no more business before the meeting the President adjourned it, to meet again on Mon. Eve. Sept. 29th proximo.

J. Long
Secretary

Union Village Sept. 29. 1873.

Meeting convened at the usual hour, when it was found that the Secretary was absent. The place was fill'd by

appointment of T. J. Embree. On the Roll being call'd it was found that Frank Brady & Helena Westby were absent. The minutes of the last two meetings were read & some verbal inaccuracy having been observ'd in the minutes of the meeting previous to the last, the error was on motion rectified & the minutes as amended were adopted. The election of Officers for the ensuing meeting being next in Order, resulted as follows— Julia O'Connell President. V. M. Brady & M. A. Butler vice Presidents & Maria Wheeler Secretary. The regular literary Exercises were then entered into after which the President taking the floor, announc'd that according to arrangement enter'd into last Spring our meetings would take place hereafter every two, instead of every three weeks

as heretofore. Consequently our next meeting will be Oct. 13th. He then made a motion that a Committee be appointed to collect, label, & have recorded, the Books belonging to the Institute Library. Upon some explanation of the Librarian, a substitute to the above motion was adopted (viz) that all members who now have in possession any of the said Books, shall bring them to the next meeting & have the names of the Borrowers recorded as also title of Books &c. A motion was made in reference to the Spelling & Reading schools, which are in operation on Mon. Evenings when no Institute meetings were in session; but it was decided by the Acting President, that inasmuch as the Spelling & Reading schools had been completely & irrevocably divorc'd from the Institute as an Organization, it would be wholly illegitimate for the Institute

This belongs to the succeeding meeting which see.

to take any action in the case. The motion was consequently withdrawn. On motion the meeting adjourn'd.

T. J. Embree
Secretary pro tem.

Note. This being the meeting which was open to visitors, several attended (viz) Elder John Martin, Eldress Matilda Williams of Waterveet O. Ruth Siebenthal Ex-member Geo. E. Clingman, an old gentleman from Fayette Co. O. & two lady Teachers from Iowa, with their friend Emeline Bradway from the West Frame. They all seem'd highly pleas'd with the exercises. Also Rose Douglas Sally Randal & Celesta Bowman (three youth Girls were in attendance. On the whole the meeting was quite as interesting & instructive as on former occasions, & at least all seemed quite animated as well as benefited.

O. C. Hampton Recorder.

October 13. 1873.

Owing to the tardiness of several of the members the time of opening meeting was deferr'd 7:20 Oc. The meeting being call'd to order by the chair, the Choir sang the piece entitled "The Slave". The Roll being then call'd it appear'd that Hermann Müller Helena Westby & Joseph H. Lee were absent. The minutes of the preceding meeting were then read & adopted. The Election of Officers being now in Order, F. H. Brady was chosen President & O. C. Hampton Sec. T. J. Embree & Joseph Long were chosen Vicepresidents. Next followed the reading of original Essays - Selections in poetry declamations &c, during which, the President granted us a 5 minute's recess. As the time for the continuation of the meeting had expir'd, the Secretary movd an adjournment, but the exercises not being quite thro' & some other business

remaing unfinish'd, on motion it was resolv'd to continue in sefsion 15 min. longer, which was carried, after the motion to adjourn was withdrawn.

Res. A Resolution was then offer'd, to the effect that an additional Officer be appointed, call'd a recorder, whose business it shall be to receive the minutes of each meeting from the Hand of the Sec. (whose manuscript shall be on loose sheets) & record the same in the Book furnish'd for that purpose. And the length of term of Recorder's Office to be while one volume was being written. But at this stage of the proceedings it was discover'd that no new Officers could be appointed or Offices be created without altering & amending our constitution & this required the presence of all the membees. So the the subject had to be drop'd for the then present time.

However it having been voted upon & carried, it was concluded to convene all the members at our next meeting & pass the resolution aforesaid, & also so amend the Constitution as to make it possible to alter the constitution by a Majority of a Quorum of the meeting (viz) a 2/3 majority, or a Majority of 2/3 of the number constituting a Quorum.

Res. It was further resolv'd that a vote of thanks be taken, for the presence of our friends who had attended our Lyceum or Institute this evening, with an invitation to any of them to address the meeting or at least say a few words for our encouragement. Cornelia B. Stevenson (of Iowa) stated she had been far more interested & edified than she had expected, & thot our Institute compar'd favorably with any others outside which she had attended On Motion the meeting adjourn'd to meet Oct. 27th Proximo.

Maria Wheeler — Secretary.

October 27th 1873.

Pursuant to adjournment the Institute met at the usual place & time. The Roll being call'd after the calling of the meeting to Order by the Chair, it was found that Joseph H. Lee, & Dora McDow had not put in an appearance. The Minutes of the last meeting were next read & adopted.

At this stage of the proceedings The rules were suspended in order to introduce the following Resolutions

Res. 1. Resolv'd That Article 2. of the Constitution be amended by the addition of the following clause (viz) Such other Officers as may be deem'd necessary shall be appointed from time to time as occasion requires in accordance with Article 7th of this Constitution.

2. Resolv'd That the Amendment to Article 2. be made retroactive so far as to legalize the action heretofore taken in relation to the creation of the Offices of Librarian Treasurerer & Recorder. These Resolutions were both carried, the vote thereupon being Unanimous. The Rules of Elocution & Reading were next repeated, after which the several original essays Declamations & select readings were recited, & gave the usual amount of pleasure to the hearers. But the Secretary is oblig'd to acknowledge with regret, that some of the members were unprepar'd for taking their usual part in the proceedings & fervently hopes this neglect will not be repeated. O. C. Hampton
Secretary.

November 10th 1873.

The Institute met at the usual place & time. A Quorum not being present we could not proceed to business as usual, until by the announcement of one of the members that sister Sue. C. Brady had sent in her resignation;- when it was found that a quorum of the remaining members was present. At 4 minutes past 7 O.C. we were in splendid working order. The music entitled "There's a light in the window for thee Bro.", was sung. The roll being call'd it appear'd that Maria Wheeler Helena Westby - Sue C. Brady - Flora Brady, Dora McDow & Bell Betker. were absent. Next the minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. The Election of Officers being now in order, Joseph Long was elected

President Herrmann Müller Vice P.
& T. J. Embree Secretary of the next
meeting of the Institute. The time
for original Essays & declamations
had now fully arrivd & the execution
of the same could not be easily
excelld. After the performance of said
exercises, a period for Resolutions
motions & discussion intervend &
the following Resolutions were offerd
by Thos. J. Embree & were carried.
Resolvd that any member who
shall be absent from three con=
secutive meetings of the Institute
for any reason except sickness or
other unavoidable cause, shall
be deemd to have resignd member=
ship & the name of such person
shall be stricken from the roll.
Any such person desiring read=
mittance must make application

as a new member After some discussion this resolution was amended so as to read "for two, instead of three consecutive meetings &c. After this O. C. Hampton made a suggestion almost amounting to an entreaty, that the sisters take a deeper interest & more active part in all subjects hereafter brót before the House for discussion. On motion of Joseph Long it as amended by Thos. A Embree, it was resolvd to commence our meetings for the present at 6 O.C. & 45 minutes. Then a motion to adjourn was made, but the twinkle of our intellects being too brilliant to wane so suddenly (the secretary must have meant sarcasm here) we insisted on an exercise in Grammar till a quarter of 9 when we adjournd to meet on Nov 24. prox.

Julia O. Connell - Secretary.

November 4th 1873.

The association met this evening at the usual time and place. The Secretary being absent at the commencement of the meeting, Frank H. Brady was chosen Secretary pro tem, but before any further proceedings were had, the Regular Secretary put in an appearance & the Sec. pro tem vacated the post. The opening exercise of singing having been perform'd, the Roll was call'd upon which it was found Maria Wieder, Bell Betker, Flora Brady & Dora McDow were absent. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & on the question of their adoption a motion was made, that in one place they should be amended by a verbal alteration. This motion elicited some discussion after which, the question being put, resulted in a tie vote, when

the President decided it in the negative. The minutes were then adopted as they stand. The election of Officers being next in order the following persons were chosen (viz) For President Susan C. Siddil Vice Presidents Matilda A. Butler & Julia O. Connell. For Secretary Susanna M. Brady. The repetition of Rhetorical rules & usual litrry exercises having been gone thro with & there being yet considerable time left, it was on motion decided to have an exercise in Grammar which was conducted by O. C. Hampton At a quarter before 9 O Clock, the Secretary movd an adjournment which was carried.

T. I. Embree
Secretary.

Union Village Dec. 14 1873.

The Institute met at the usual time & place & was call'd to order by the President at a quarter before 7 O'clock. On the roll being call'd it appear'd that Frank H. Brady & Dora McDow were absent. The open'g ceremony of a song, was dispens'd with on acct. of the absence of the Bass singer. The Officers of the next meeting were chosen next and were, for Pisident Joseph Long; vice Presidents

For Secretary Herman Müller.

The Rules of Elocution being re=peated, the several exercises, original & selected were next read, to the entire satisfaction of all in attend'ce.

Application for the re-admission of Bell Betker & Flora Brady was then formally prefer'd by

their friends, which elicited some discussion on both sides (if it can be said to have two sides) but seem'd to preponderate emphatically in favor of re=admission. An exercise in An=alysis next follow'd, continuing until cut short by a motion for adjournment by the Secy at a quarter of 9 O'clock, to meet again on Mon. Eve. to meet again on Mon. Eve. Dec. 22. 1873.

Susanna M. Brady

December 22. 1873.

At about 7 O. Clock the meeting was call'd to order by the President (Joseph Long) & our Bass, being absent singing was omitted. This is a little too bad, to have the Bass absent so much when so much depends upon his presence. On calling the roll F. H. Brady, Maria Wheeler & Dora M.c Dow fail'd to re= spond. At Bro.n Herrmann's re= quest O. C. Hampton acted as Secretary. The application of Belle Betker & Flora Brady was now consider'd & the Ballot Box being mislaid, the readmission of the girls was voted upon vive voce, & resulted in the af= firmative & the girls are once more members of the Union Village Progressive Institute. After

the Rules of Elocution were repeated, the Original Essays & select pieces were read & declaim'd, and gave us much pleasure & profit; in their order as follows, O. C. Hampton, Essay on practical considerations pertaining to our Institute. Susan C. Liddil Select reading from Willis, Subject "Ambition." "Flowers" Susanna M. Brady Orig. Poem Subj. Hermann Miller " Comp. " "Visions V.S. Hallucenation" Matilda A. Butler— Select Poem Subject "Source of Power" (Extra good.) J. J. Embree "Description of a Shaker funeral & Divine Service" By a Newspaper Correspondent. Julia O'Connell "A beautiful elected poem from O. Chandler".

Joseph Song — A very pathetic poem (selected) entitled "The Drunkard's Daughter" The Essays & selections being thro', on motion of O. C. Hampton it was resolv'd to appropriate the remainder of the funds contributed to the commencement of a Library; to the purchase of a Book wherein to record the names of the borrowers therefrom. An interesting grammar exercise next followd, which gave strong indication of decided improvement & a growing interest in this very necessary Accomplishment. We had the pleasure of the presence of Hattie Poor, from Northern Ohio, a Teacher; & she seemd to take a strong interest in the proceedings.

O. C. Hampton — Secretary.

January 5. 1874.

The members of the Lyceum met at the usual place & hour, & commenced the exercises with just a Quorum, ⅓ of the members failing to be on time. A beautiful piece entitled "As the morning breaks forth on the mountains" was by the Juvenile Choir. At Roll-call all reported, except Maria Wheeler & Dora McDow. The minutes of the last meeting being read & approved the election of officers next took place & Frank Brady was chosen President & O. C. Hampton & T. I. Embree Vicepresidents & Herrman Müller Secretary. The repetition of the Rules of Reading & Elocution, proving a failure on motion of O. C. Hampton it was Resolved That each member whose intention it is to write & read a composition, shall hereafter place at the

head of the same, & read, a Rule of Elocution, previous to reading his or her exercise. The reading of declamations and exercises now followd in their order, each being performd to the entire satisfaction of all present. It was announced that Sue Brady, Maggie Seitzer & Geo. E. Clingman desired to be re-admitted to the Institute. To be considerd & reported upon by vote at next meeting. Also Mary Parker applied thro' her friends for membership. A motion to adjourn was rejected. Joseph Long had the floor & was followd by a request thro' Julia O'connell from Eldress Elizabeth Farr but not favorably entertained by the members, because it could not be granted without contravening our Constitution & By-Laws. After which Meting adjourned.

Julia O'Connell
Secretary.

Union Village Jan 19./74.

The Institute met at the proper place & hour & was call'd to Order by Frank Brady-President. Music omitted on acc't. of inability of the Bass-singer. All except Maria Wheeler Dora McDow responded to Roll-call who were unable to attend by reason of sickness. The minutes of the last meting were & after striking out from the report of the Secretary the words "As our Rules "Laws & By-Laws are so stringent "as not to yield even to a petition", were adopted. The election of Officers for the next meeting, resulted in Susanna M. Brady President, Isabel Betker & Florence Brady Vice Presid.s Susan C. Liddil Secretary. The following persons were readmitted by Ballot as members (viz) Sue C. Brady Maggie Seitzer & Geo. Clingman.

The balloting for a new Candidate (Mary Parker,) then took place which resulted in a unanimous affirmation. The regular business over, the Institute went into their exercises. Rules for Elocutions were repeated & original compositions declamations & reading were delivered The members acquitted themselves with credit. C. C. Hampton next arose & offer'd the following Resolution Resolv'd That no criticisms derogatory to the Administration or Mal-Administration of the affairs of our community at large or any of the members thereof, shall be brot into this institution, either by writing or otherwise. After considerable debating this Resolution was carried. The meeting then Adjourn'd to meet Feb. 2. 1871.

Herman Miller
Secretary.

February 2d 1874.

Members convend at the usual time & place. Susanna Brady in the chair. At Roll call it appeard that Hermann Müller Maria Wheeler & Dora McDow faild to respond. The usual exercises & business was I suppose [redacted] gone thro' but I am sorry to say, that from the manuscript of the Secretary so meagre a report was obtainable that any thing like a decent record in this book is impossible. It is however to be gleand from said manuscript, that a Resolution was offerd by A. C. Hampton, that the next meeting be improvd in de= bating the question (whether it was right or wrong for the English Gov. to have usurpd forcible possession of the Sands & to have exterminated

the Aborigines of these States by war Slavery & other means of extermination.) This resolution was carried. It stated moreover, that Charles Forest of D^r Order had prefer'd a request thro' his friends to be admitted as a member of our Institute. Whether the meeting was adjourn'd by the Secretary, or adjourn'd sine die, the Report does not show. But it is probable that it came to an end.

Susan C. Liddie
Secretary.

P. S. For next meeting it appears that O. C. Hampton was chosen Pres^t. I. Long & F. H. Brady Vice pres^ts & Th^s. I. Embree Secretary. But at what time or for what meeting the report did not show. We can however scarcely make any other inference the that s'd election was for our next meeting.

February 16. 1874.

The Institute met at the usual hour, O.C. Hampton in the chair. Singing as usual by the Choir. Upon Roll call it was found that Maria Wheeler Maggie Seitzer & Dora McDow, were absent owing to sickness. The sheet of paper containing the minutes of the last meeting having been mislaid Susan C. Siddle the Secretary of the last meeting, gave a verbal statement of the proceedings, which was accepted in lieu of the written statement & adopted.

The Election of Officers for the next meetg resulted in the choice of Julia A. Connelle for President, Sue Brady & Mary Parker Vice Presidents, & Matilda Butler Secretary.

A ballot was then taken, on the application of Chas. Forest for membership, which resulted in a unanimous vote in the Affirmative.

All business being thus disposed of, we proceeded to the literary exercises of the

evening, which according to Resolution adopted at the last meeting, was to consist of a discussion by the Members, of the following Proposition (viz) Resolv'd that the English Government did right in its treatment of the Indians, in the settlement of this Country. Before entering into the discussion however, there were several points came up in reference to methods of Procedure & which had to be settled Firstly; On motion it was resolv'd that hereafter, when it is decided in meeting to discuss at the next session, the question to be discuss'd shall be written on the Bl. B'd. by the President or some one Appointed thereby, that all may have a fair understanding of it. In the absence of any positive knowledge on the part of any of the members, as to the usual method of holding literary discussions, it was decided that until we obtain'd further

knowledge we proceed about in this method. Each member shall feel not only at liberty, but under some obligation to take part in this discussion, & express his or her opinion; — Each person shall have a right to occupy the floor for five minutes, & shall promptly take his seat upon his time being called by the President. But if not through with his remarks his time may be extended for 5 minutes longer, by vote of the meeting. No one shall otherwise be at liberty to speak on the same subject more than once until all the members shall have had an opportunity to speak once. It appearing that one of the sisters having written the an introduction to her remarks on the subject of the discussion, & desiring to read it, it was decided by vote, that as we are all novices in

discussion, & some perhaps under some degree of embarrassment, any one who had written any remarks on the subject might, for the present, be allowed to read such writing. Sister Susanna M. Brady then led off by reading what she had written, & then talked some. She was followed by others & finaley all but two of the Members had given expression to their opinions on the subject, many of them advancing ideas which gave evidence of thot. Altogether there was exhibited a much greater degree of thot, argumentative powers & facilities of expression, than could have been expected, which was very gratifying. After spending about an hour in a very interesting manner a vote was taken on the adoption of the resolution under discussion, which resulted in 3 in the Affirmative & ten in the

negative. From this it appears that in the opinion of this Institute the English Government did not do right in the policy it pursued in the settlemit of this country & its treatment of the Indians. After this was decided it was on motion resolv'd, that at our next meeting, for the sake of a slight variety in the usual course of procedure all who write compositions, shall write upon one subject, which after some dijoussion was decided to be "Practice makes perfect" While the foregoing was pending the usual time for adjournment arriv'd & upon this being announc'd by the Secretary it was decided to extend the sefsion 5 minutes longer in order to finish up what we were at, after which we adjournid to meet on March D° 1874. — T. J. Embree
Secretary.

March 2 1854.

The Institute at the usual hour & was call'd to order by Julia O'Connell who occupied the chair. It being the time for the admission of visitors six persons were present to witness the proceedings. A beautiful song by the Choir was well perform'd. At Roll call every member responded except Dora McDow. The minutes were then read & adopted without chang. Officers were now chosen which resulted in the appointment of Herman Miller for Pres^t Geo. E. Clingman & Charles Forest vice-Presidents & Joseph Long Secretary. Next followed the repeating of Elocutionary precepts & reading of compositions-Declamations select Prose & poetry &c all of which was well perform'd in the opinion of the Secretary. All the composition writers wrote upon the same subject & all did it ample justice, but so differently was it

treated by the several writers, that had they not been oblig'd to name the theme several times in the course of their remarks they would hardly have been suspected of writing upon the same topic. After these interesting exercises some Resolutions were offered (viz)
1. Resolv'd that hereafter when the Ayes & Noes are too feeble or too few to be satisfactory to the President, he or she shall exact a rising vote on the Resolution offer'd at the time. Carried. ———
2. Resolv'd That the Constitution & By-Laws be brot to our next meeting & Chas. Forest be required to sign his name in the presence of a Quorum of the meeting — Carried.
3. Resolv'd that our next meeting be devoted to discussion. Carried — " ——— " ———
Thos. J. Embree hereupon moved to have for the subj. of discussion the Question "Is it better to suffer wrong than do wrong?

This resolution was lost; whereupon O. C. Hampton offer'd the following Whether is it best for the financial prosperity of this Institution (the United Society at Union Village) to pursue a credit or Cash Policy? This Resolution was carried. ——

After a few words of encouragement from E. Elizabeth & E. Emily, the meeting adjourn'd to meet Mon. Eve March 16th. 1874.

Matilda A Butler

Secretary.

Union Village March 30. 1874.

Owing to a visit from Bro. Nicholas A. Briggs of Canterbury N. H. our Institute meeting was omitted on the 16th (See adj. of last meeting) This evening, the Institute met at the time and place appointed. The Roll being call'd it was found that Maria Wheeler, Dora McDow, Mary Parker & Maggie Seitzer were absent. The music by the Choir

was very well rendered. Minutes of the previous meeting were read-amended, & adopted as amended. Sue D. Beady was appointed President of our next meeting Sole & Florence Vice Presidents & Julia Connell Secretary. On motion of a member it was resolved that hereafter our meetings commence at 7¼ Oclock instead of 7 as heretofore-Carried. The discussion resolved upon at our last meeting was now taken up & after quite an amount of able reasoning & fair Argument on both sides of the subject it was resolved "That a strictly cash system was every "way the best for a Community like ours." A motion for Adjournment was now made to meet Apr. 16. 1874.

Joseph Long
Secretary.

Monday Evening May 7. 1874.

Meeting was call'd to order by G. E. Clingman Presiding Officer. On motion it was decided to omit the usual exercise of singing, having been entertained by Bro. Herman with music from the Organ. Upon Roll call it was found that Matilda Butler - Susan Liddle Susanna Brady - Maria Wheeler Dora McDow & Maggie Seitzer were absent - several of them owing to Sickness Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. According to our regular Rules no business can be transacted unless a Quorum be present. There lack'd one member this evening, & as the paucity of members was principally owing to sickness, on motion it was decided to suspend the Rule & proceed to the Election of Officers - as follows Julia O'connell

President – Bell Bet Ker Secretary Mary Parker & Flora Brady Vice Presidents. The regular exercises of repeating the Rules of Rhetoric reading of Original Essays & declaiming were proceeded with & all acquitted themselves with credit. At the close of these exercises, a Poem was read by T. J. Embree – composed & contributed by Maria Wheeler who was prevented by a severe affliction of her eyes from attending. After this, it was on motion decided unanimously to send our thanks & sympathy to Maria in her affliction for retaining her interest in the Lyceum & sending her poetical contribution to be read this evening. The following resolution was then read, for the consideration of the members to be voted on at our next meeting. Resolved that in

writing compositions for the Institute each member should depend upon his or her own mental powers, exclusively. After a few remarks explanatory of the purport of the Resolution by O. C. Hampton, Bro. W.m S. Redmon who attended as a visitor gave us an encouraging exhortation to perseverance in our enterprize, after which the meeting adjourned to meet May 11th A.D. 1874.

T. L. Embree.
Secretary.

Monday Evening May 11. 1874.

The Institute met at the usual place & time Julia O'Connell in the chair Meeting was call'd to Order at 7¼ Oclock. At Roll call all responded except Maria Wheeler & Dora McDow whose continued inability & indisposition prevent their attendance. Singing was omitted at the commencement. The minutes were read and adopted as they stood. Officers for next meeting were next elected. O. C. Hampton was chosen President Herman Müller & George E. Olingman Vice Presidents & Frank H. Brady Secretary. Rules of Elocution were then repeated & Original composition Selected Readings Declamations &c were next read & gave general satisfaction. After these exercises were over, the resolutions spoken of

in the last meeting was taken up & pass'd after considerable discussion thereon by nearly all present. Bro Herman then offer'd a Resolution, the object of which was to have the meeting dismiss'd after adjournment according to the usual formality of legislative bodies. Carried. Meeting was then adjourn'd by the President to meet on Monday Eve'g May 25. 1874. at 7½ Oclock.

Bell Betker.
Secretary.

Our Institute. We are now in our third year as an Institute, the object of which is to develop its members in science, general knowledge & progress & improvement in all directions. We commenced with 3 or 4 members, all males. We now number about 20, of which 7 are Males & 13 Females. We have to for each contributed at each meeting an original composition or a select article in prose or poetry, & which is read or declaimed. Every one of the original compositions have shown a commendable amount of diligence & care in their preparation & the selections have uniformly been such as to either please or instruct. The question then arises, Can all this labor & solicitude of the members of this Institute, result in no improvement? We think such a negative result impossible. How slowly soever the improvement may seem to come, & how little advantage soever may seem to be realized, yet

it must be that every effort, no matter how small, must be crown'd at last with a certain degree of victory over ignorance & error & must place the competitor for progress'd conditions on higher & higher altitudes of intelligence & self respect & reliance; not only, but furnish him or her with a passport to the society of those who already enjoy the higher serener regions of scientific attainment. These things being so it seems to me, that notwithstanding the trifling drawbacks, interposed from time to time, by parties oppos'd to the existence of this Institute, it will be better for us all to persevere in its practical support & defence by regularly contributing our quota of matter for the interest & entertainment of each other & the cause of our own as well as of Universal Progress. I for one am very happy to see so much perseverance & general interest

shown in 1st The regularity with & the members present themselves here to take part in the proceedings. 2d The general courtesy & respect shown by the members toward each other. 3d The fidelity with which the Constitution & By-laws are observ'd & adhered to. 4th And lastly I am especially glad to find, contrary to the opinions of many well meant opposers of this our Institute, that the members thereof, & especially the younger ones, have not become inflated with pride and arrogance, as was so confidently predicted; but that as I have always maintained, the more they knew, & the more their minds became expanded, the more humble they would become by the contrast between what we know & the immense overwhelming mass of facts knowledges-truths & principles which we do not know, & which tremendous disparity can only be seen by those whose minds are expanded by study. On the whole let us stick to our Institute.

May 25. 1874.

The Lyceum met at the usual place and hour O. C. Hampton in the chair. It was resolvd to postpone the music usual at the commencement of the meety Upon Role cale Maria Wheeler was absent, also Dora McDow, on acct of invalidity. Minutes read and adopted as they stood. The following members were then elected to fill their respective Offices (viz) Matilda A. Butler President — Sue C. Brady & Mary Parker vice Presidents & Susan C. Lidil Secretary. Next followd the repetition of the Rules of Elocution, after which the several Orig.l Comp.s & select pieces were read & declaimd. On motion Herman Müller & George Clingman were excusd from participation on acct of bad Health. Also Maggie Seitzer. Julia Oconnell read an Original Poem by

request & from the pen of Maria Wheeler being a proof of her deep interest in the Institute. Next On motion of T. S. Embree it was resolv'd, That in the compositions to be read at the next meeting as many of the 25 words now on the Blackboard shall be incorporated into each as they can introduce, & all if possible. On motion of Bro. Herman, it was resolv'd — That a committee be appointed to search the minutes pertaining to government according to Parliamentary usage & procure a Book & insert into the same, these Rules & Resolutions for future & more convenient reference Carried. The President then appointed Tho. S. Embree — Matilda Butler & Herman Miller s'd Committee — Pass'd ——
On motion it was resolv'd to strike from the Roll the names of Maria Wheeler and Dora McDow, but that this

was not to prejudice their membership & good standing in the Institute in the least. Pas'd. The Secretary then movid an adjournment & the Pres.t adjournid the meeting to June 8th 1874 at 15 min before 7. in the Eve'g.

Frank H. Brady.

Secretary.

The Recorder being crowded for time, requested the undersigned to write the following reports.

T. J. Embree

June 8th, 1874

The Institute met at the usual time and place, Matilda Butler in the chair. — Bro. Harman Miller performed a piece of music on the organ very satisfactorily. — The minutes of the last meeting were read, and after slight modification adopted. — The following Officers were elected for the next regular meeting:

President, T. J. Embree

Vice Presidents, Frank H. Brady & ——————

Secretary, Herman Miller. —

The usual Literary Exercises were then gone thro' with, very creditably. — In the original Compositions, were exemplified the ambition and genius of each individual in the incorporation of the 25 words proposed at the last meeting, to be used in the compositions for this evening.

It is the opinion of the Secretary that the Compositions for this ~~evening~~ evening, taken as a whole, were the liveliest, fullest and most varied, of any one of the meetings since the Institute was commenced.— Two of the young sisters repeated an original dialogue containing the whole 25 words.—

After these exercises were finished, T. J. Embree presented the report of the Committee appointed at the last meeting to collate the several resolutions ~~passed~~ adopted from time to time, since the adoption of the present Constitution. The said Committee have abridged, condensed, and united said resolutions as far as practicable, and ~~passed~~ proposed several amendments. As there was not time to consider the subject fairly at this meeting, it was on motion decided to hold an adjourned meeting on June 22nd, for that purpose.—

On motion, T. J. Embree was appointed a

committee to procure a book, and write therein the present Constitution, By Laws, and Rules adopted from time to time, so as to have it for more convenient reference. —

It was then decided, on motion, that hereafter, in all adjourned or called meetings, the Officers of the last regular meeting shall officiate.

During the course of the meeting, it was announced that, according to one of our rules, the regular meetings will take place during the summer, once in 3 weeks, instead of once in 2 weeks, as heretofore. —

On motion, adjourned to June 22nd 1874.

Susan C. Liddell

Secretary. —

June 22nd 1874 —

At the adjourned meeting, held on this evening, (Matilda Butler in the chair,) the Secretary of the previous meeting being unable to attend during the whole meeting, O. C. Hampton was appointed Secretary. —

The object of the meeting being to hear and consider the report of the Committee appointed to collate and codify the rules adopted at various times, said committee presented in full the result of their labors, and proposed several amendments. — The Report, with most of the proposed amendments were adopted, and the committee discharged, except in relation to two or three proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, which could not be decided at this meeting, owing to the absence of some of the members, — and were consequently postponed until such time as all members were present. —

Attention was called to the alledged fact,

that some of the books belonging to the Institute Library were away from the Library without the knowledge of the Librarian, and without being registered. — Members having such books were requested to bring them in at the next meeting & have them registered. —

On motion, adjourned to meet at the regular time, June 29th 1874.

O. C. Hampton

Secretary.

January 29. 1874.

Institute met at the regular hour The usual introductory music was dispens'd with. The minutes of the last meet'g were read & an error therein being corrected with regard to the names of the Officers for May 25. said minutes were approv'd & adopted without further amendment. The Officers for the next meeting were now elected as follows Maria Wheeler President Maggie Seitzer & Bell Betker Vice Presidents & Sue C. Brady Secretary. The Institute next engag'd in the usual repetition of Rules of Elocution & the reading of the several original compositions & select poems, declamations &c. which were both entertaining and instructive. At the close of these exercises, the President rose & inform'd the visitors in regard to the change recently made relative to visitors meetings or

to be more explicit, relative to those meetings open to visitors as follows

July 27. 1874.

Institute assembled at the usual time and place. Music was again omitted & upon rollcall it was found that Susanna Brady - Flora Brady - Dora McDow & Mary Parker fail'd to put in an appearance. The minutes were read and adopted without amendment & thereupon follow'd the repetion of the Rules of elocution, reading of original compositions selections in Prose and Poetry &c. & were receiv'd as the best which had been contributed for a long time. The remainder of the time was improv'd in a Grammatical review, which with some of the members was quite new. An adjournment was now movd by the Secretary to meet Aug 10. 1874.

Sue C. Brady — Secretary.

Union Village Sept. 1874.

On Monday evening Sept 7. the Institute met at the usual time & place & deliberated upon & pass'd sundry resolutions pertaining to the late revision of our Constitution & By Laws as follows—1. Resolv'd that Article 5th of the Constitution be so amended as to read as follows. "Any & all articles in this Constitution & By-Laws may be amended or repeal'd by the concurrence of 2/3 of the members of this Association at any time when 3/4 of said members at any one of their regular meetings are convened. Carried.

2. Resolv'd that Article 5th of the Bylaws shall be amended by adding the following clause (viz) But if articles are introduc'd that are neither useful nor interesting to the Institute, any member shall have

the right to make in a courteous manner a motion to exclude similar articles in the future. Carried.

3. Resolv'd that article 2d of the Constitution be so amended so as to provide for one Vice President instead of two, by striking out all pertaining to the second Vice Presidt.

4. Resolv'd that the term of Office of President Vice Presidt & Secretary shall be two months & such Officers shall be elected for each term at the last meeting of the preceding term. After considerable discussion Pro & Con upon this Resolution, it was lost.

After this the Secretary movd an an Adjourn'd sine die, whether purposely or thro' inadvertence the writer of this is not inform'd

O. C. Hampton
Secretary.

Note. This meeting should have been recorded previous to that which immediately precedes it, but attention to the dates will keep the reader correct as to time place &c. No other corrections necessary.

August 18th 1874.

Institute met at the usual time & place, T. T. Embree in the chair. The following resolution was offer'd by O. O. Hampton at the commencement of the meeting (viz) Resolv'd that hereafter, we always have music as the first exercise in our meeting, either Instrumental or vocal, & that a committee of of one be appointed by the President, to announce at each meeting, the music to be sung or play'd at the next succeeding meeting.

This Resolution was carried &
F. D. Brady was appointed 3d
Committee. At Roll call it ap-
pear'd that Dora McDow, Sue Brady
Maggie Seitzer, Geo. E. Clingman
Mary Parker were absent. The
minutes of the last meeting were
then read & on motion were a-
dopted as they stood. The usual
exercises then commenc'd & proceed
ed as follows. Upon the rules being
reading on elocution, the Original
compositions & select articles were
read in manner & form following.
O. C. Hampton select subj. "How to
get an Education" S. C. Siddle
subj. "Cremation" S. M. Brady
subj. "Seers of the ages" Herman
" A Poem entitled "Ellen Gray." Mattie
" "What is life". T. I. Embree
" "Ben Baidy's Request. I. O. Connell

Subj: The Skeptics last night. F. H. Brady
" Comical Oration. Bell Betker
" "Wanderer of Erin". Flora Brady
" "Barbary Fletcher. At the close of the exercises the following Resolution was voted upon & carried (viz) That we meet next Sunday P.M. after singing meeting, & in the writing room to pass resolutions of amendment of 2 or 3 articles of our Constitution & By Laws.
The Secretary then movid an adjournment which was carried & the President Adjournid the meeting to Aug. 31. 1874. 7½ O.C. in the Eve.

O. C. Hampton
Secretary.

Union Village Sept 28. 1874.

Institute met at the usual place and time O. C. Hampton acting as Secretary in place of Bell Bethel who was elected Sec. at the last meeting, but who is no longer a member. The president, Matilda A. Butler call'd the meeting to order at 7. 1/4 O. Clock. At Roll call but 9 out 14 members responded. The minutes of the last two meetings (one of which was a call'd meeting) were read & approv'd. Officers were now elected for the next meeting (viz) Herman Müller President T. I. President & F. H. Brady Secretary. Rules of Elocution were next repeated whereupon the usual reading of Original compositions select pieces & proceeded as follows

O. C. Hampton Oriz. comp. Subj. "Prospect & retrospect"
S. M. Brady " " " "A summer day"
M. A. Butler " " " "Writing"

T. H. Brady Orig. Comp. Sub. "Intemperance"
T. O'connell " " " "
T. C. Liddil Select Article Sub. "Secret of Egypt"
H. Müller " " "Never give up"
T. J. Embree Orig. Comp. Sub. "Language."
These were all good compositions & selections & were listen'd to with a deep interest and attention. After these exercises Bro. Alexander's request to become a member was voted upon by Ballot & he was unanimously chosen a member.
A resolution was then put by O. C. H. to meet again next Monday evening, to make up for lost time during corn drying & that the next Monday thereafter we should adopt our winter arrangement of meeting once in two weeks. It was further resolv'd that a number of phrases be selected by O. C. H. & given to the members to be incorporated into each one's composition for the next meeting. & that ale

and that all who feel able to furnish a composition on this plan should do so. Both these Resolutions being carried, the Secretary movd an Adjournment, whereupon the President adjourned the meeting to Monday evening Proximo. 7¼ O'Clock, eve.

O. C. Hampton
Secretary.

Union Village Oct. 5. 1874.

The Association met at the usual time & place this evening. Music was omitted on account of the time taken in forming a Quorum. At Roll call O. C. Hampton Julia O'Connell Ges. E. Clingman, Dora McDow & Flora Brady were absent. The minutes of the last meeting were then read & adopted. The signing of the Constitution by Bro. Alexis could not come off because Thomas had the Book containing s'd Constitution at Home.

The election of Officers, resulted in the Appointment of Susanna M. Brady, President Maggie Seitzer Vice President & Susan C. Liddil Secretary for our next meeting. The Rules of Elocution were next repeated, & reading of Compositions & selections proceeded as follows (viz)

Susan C. Liddil Orig. Comp. Subj. Individuality
S. M. Brady " " " Autobiography
Herman Müller " " " In the Tomb
M. A. Butler " " " Where there's a will
J. J. Embree " " " The burning city
F. H. Brady " " " Night's Ride
M. A. Wheeler " " " Neither do I condemn thee. Alie Walters A selected poem — Subj. Autumn flowers.
Mary Parker Orig. Comp. Sub. Stormy night

There being no further buisness before the meeting, the Institute was Adjourned by the President on motion of the Secretary to meet Oct. 12th at 7¼ O'clock in the Evening.

Frank H. Brady Secretary.

This Volume is now completed & contains the Minutes of each meeting held by the Institute since Aug. 18. 1873 at which period this record commenc'd. This completes the second Volume of minutes since the Institute was establish'd. The Lyceum as it was formerly nam'd but now the Institute still retains its vitality & the members continue to maintain their former Interest in its labors & results. We hope to make it more & more interesting & instructive as time passes, & experience furnishes us with gradually increasing facilities. We can say for the compt of all, both belonging to, & outside of the Institute, that the entire proceedings thereof since its first establishment have been uniformly characterizd by courtesy & general good feeling & Christian fellowship with scarcely a single exception, which is the best of all signs.

O. C. Hampton Recorder.

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